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A Lecture Upon the Nervous System.

Dangers of the Use of Poisonous Drugs in Such Diseases.

Third Lecture of the Course by Dr. Greene, of 85 West 14th st., New York.

Dr. Greene continued his able and popular course of free lectures by an address on "The Nervous System." The lecture is one of most remarkable interest, and in the hands of so eminent a physician as Dr. Greene the subjects under discussion were explained to the entire satisfaction of the large and appreciative audience. The dissolving views exhibited upon the canvas were of marvellous beauty; indeed, Dr. Greene's series of illustrated lectures stand second to none in the matchless beauty of the pictures shown, and the remarkable transformations and mechanical effects.

The Doctor first considered the subject of the forces which render earth and air capable of sustaining human life and health; and traces the analogy between these natural forces and the nervous force of the human system. He said:

"The nervous system of the human being is, without doubt, the masterpiece of the Creator—all the mechanism wrought by human ingenuity, all the remarkable inventions in which the age seems prolific, sink into utter insignificance when compared with the wondrous powers of the human mind, with its organ of thought, the brain, and the attendant nerves of sensation and will. We recognize here force, therefore, as the

Very Essence of Life.

But must consider it from its physical manifestations, and not from its spiritual manifestations, as it is manifested in man.

These are only in our physical system, but working through all nature, governing all its phenomena, from the movement of a particle of dust in the atmosphere to the whirling through space of a mighty world, forces which may be designated the nerve forces of the universe, and which stand in the same relation to nature and her manifestations as does the nerve force which

"In the human system these subtle forces which, in the manifestations of nature are upon so gigantic a scale, are refined and reduced to the utmost nicely and delicacy. We admire the sun and the great principle which produces light, but the nervous organization of the human eye, which performs this takes cognizance of the light, and gives delicate indications of its intensity. We are amazed at the force of electricity, which man has so far controlled that a message may be dashed in a few seconds thousands of miles; but the power of thought is instantaneous."

"It is little wonder, therefore, that this delicate and intricate nervous system often becomes impaired. I am sure that every person who composed or began 'nervous' They meant that, when so increased action, there is an overexcitation of the nervous system, or because of a low condition of the general health the vitality of the nervous system is depressed, or from a want of perfect digestion or assimilation of food and the vitalizing power of pure, rich blood, the nerves are not properly ministered, strengthened, and consequently impaired."

"There was a time when 'nervousness' and that class of diseases known as nervous affections were apparently confined to the ladies, but at the present day it is an undoubtedly fact that as large a proportion of nervous diseases exist among gentlemen as among the weaker sex, and their distressing effects and lasting and enervating results are as thousandfold more serious as they extend to posterity, and are productive of a weakened and enfeebled race."

"Nervous and physical debility, caused by

Exhausted Vitality,

is a frequent and distressing disease, and not only affects both sexes, but is confined to no particular age, the young and middle-aged being alike subject to its depressing influence."

"Among the first symptoms of this affection are usually a derangement of the digestive organs. A feeling of languor and weariness, and pain in the head, neck, eyes, with weakness and languor in the back. More or less exhaustion is experienced upon waking in the morning; there is often a bad taste in the mouth, the vision becomes dim, the memory is impaired, and there is frequent dizziness. Persons thus affected are often despondent, and suffer from gloom and depression of the mind; the nerves become fatigued, then the least excitement causes them to tremble, or to quiver, often attended by palpitation of the heart."

"Ladies are peculiarly susceptible to nervous disorders, which is owing partly to their more delicate nervous organizations, and partly to their sedentary life and consequent confinement indoors. Such affections are attended by restlessness and nervous excitement, an absence of sleep, and a loss of the mind, loss of interest in society, and the daily affairs of life. There is also loss of sleep, the patient waking in the morning feeling languid, tired, and unrecovered."

"From slight nervous attacks to hysteria, from simple 'nervousness' to utter nervous prostration, there are many and varied forms of disease of the nervous system, none of which should exist, and all of which are easily cured by the use of proper remedies."

"But the question now is, what is the present day among physicians is to use poisonous drugs, and when we consider the delicate and intricate structure of the human nervous system it is not to be wondered at that, instead of curing these diseases, such medicines gradually depress the vitality of the patient until death or complete prostration follows."

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